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However, it was noted that certain aspects of the work of the Zoology Sector had serious weaknesses. In the first place, insufficient emphasis was placed on actual assistance to fishing establishments on the White Sea, and there was, in addition, a complete lack of assistance to animal-husbandry kolkhozes and sovkhozes.

The Forestry Sector, one of the youngest branches of the affiliate, is constantly growing in importance. Engineer T. I. Kishchenko recommended a more efficient method for utilizing the TL-3 trailer crane which was heartily endorsed by the ministries of forestry for the USSR and the Karelo-Finnish SSR. National economic significance is attached to the work done by I. Perovzanskiy and N. Koshmilyov with respect to the development of the wood-chemistry industry.

In spite of the excellent efforts of this sector, some criticism was due in view of the limited research program which it had established.

Much valuable work was carried out by the various social science institutes of the affiliate. However, even these institutes were criticized for their so-called non-critical attitude toward the new teachings in languages as initiated by N. Ya. Marr.

The Soils-Botanical Sector heard nine reports. Much interest was given a report by I. A. Petrov, chief of the sector, entitled, "The Use of Rock-Filled Drainage Channels for the Reclamation of Karelian Soils." This work was of particular value because the high moisture content of Karelian soils requires the construction of numerous drainage canals which greatly hamper the operations of tractors. Under the new system, canals would be dug, filled with rocks, then covered and planted, thus presenting an unbroken field and greatly facilitating the operation of tractor-drawn farm implements.

Candidate of Geologico-Mineralogical Sciences L. Ya. Lepin also submitted an interesting report entitled, "Compilation of a List of Karelo-Finnish Marshes Which Might be Used for Farming." The affiliate attached such importance to this work that it formed a new division, Division of Reclamation and Marsh Studies, which has an experimental farm station.

During the latter part of the sessions various criticism were aired. The most prevalent shortcomings of the work of the affiliate apparently were caused by a lack of close liaison with kolkhozes and sovkhozes to determine some of the real problems which needed solutions.

The highlight of the sessions was a report submitted by Scientific Associate A. I. Andriaynets entitled "Finnish Bourgeois Falsification of Facts Pertaining to the 1939 - 1940 Finnish War." The blame for this falsification was placed on Anglo-American imperialists who are attempting to vitiate the fact that it was the Finns who had aggressive intentions against Soviet Karelia and the Kola Peninsula.

The closing speech was delivered by I. I. Gorskiy, chairman of the Presidium, Karelo-Finnish Affiliate, Academy of Sciences USSR, who summed up the results of the sessions and noted the value of holding such affiliate-wide meetings.

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